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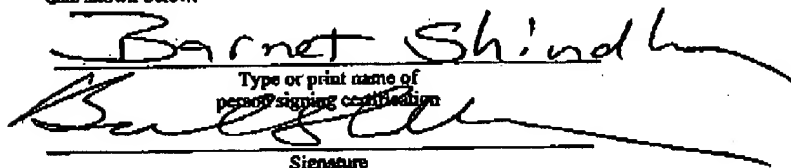
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**PETITION UNDER 35 C.F.R. 1.181 FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF
ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment issued in the above-identified
application on February 12, 2007, allegedly because of Applicants' failure to respond to the
Communication dated March 23, 2006.

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This application is a continuation of parent application 09/059,776 and was filed with a copy of the signed declaration as filed in the parent application. The Notice of Allowance issued in this continuation on January 19, 2006 and the Issue Fee was paid on February 24, 2006.

On March 23, 2006 a communication issued from the Publishing Division, stating that the city of residence of inventor Hisato Shima was missing. In an e-mail correspondence dated March 27, 2006 with Ms. Rori Burch from Ms. Laila Korde, assistant to the undersigned attorney of record, Ms. Korde (1) noted that the complete residence information for Mr. Shima had been provided in the parent application and (2) asked if this e-mail correspondence to Ms. Burch was a sufficient response to the March 23, 2006 Communication. A copy of the March 27, 2006 e-mail from Ms. Korde is enclosed.

Ms. Burch replied by e-mail, on March 27, 2006, that the information provided by Ms. Korde's e-mail and the information in the file of the parent application was sufficient. A copy of the e-mail reply from the Ms. Burch also is enclosed.


In view of the communications between the office of the below-named attorney of record and the Office, it is respectfully requested that the notice of abandonment dated February 12, 2007 be withdrawn and that the above-identified allowed application continue through publication.

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the same to our deposit account number 50-0320.

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